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To the Members of the American Peace Centenary Committee:

I take pride and pleasure in submitting herewith the following report as to, First—what we have so far accomplished in the course of our preparations for the Celebration, and, Second—what the Sub-Executive Committee has agreed upon as a practicable program.

About one million dollars is needed to meet the expense of an adequate Celebration. The Finance Committee, of which Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq., is Chairman, believes that the response from the American public to an appeal which has already been started will warrant the Committee in having formulated a comprehensive and an adequate program.

JOHN A. STEWART,
Chairman Executive Committee.

THINGS DONE.

1. Strong committees have been organized, the original initiative having been taken by our own Committee, in Great Britain, Canada, Newfoundland and elsewhere throughout the British Empire; and a high standard associate membership has been created in respect of Germany, France, Austria, and other nations, including conspicuously the South American Republics.

The British plan of Celebration is comprehensive and engaging. Aside from the official ceremonies and exercises, local Celebrations will be held in Liverpool, Manchester and elsewhere through Great Britain and Ireland. These Committees are the most representative ever organized in their respective countries for any purpose whatsoever.

The work of the British Committee is being carried on under the immediate direction of H. S. Perris, Esq.

The British public is responding to an appeal for funds, and the plan to create a Thirty-Thousand Pound lectureship endowment is being successfully carried out.

The Canadian Committee, under the immediate initiative of Major Charles F. Hamilton and E. H. Scammell, Esq., the Secretary, has made plans for a Celebration which will penetrate practically every locality in the Dominion.

Mr. Borden has, for the Government, notified his public that the Parliament will deal liberally with the Committee as soon as the American Congress shall have taken the lead. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is in harmonious accord with Mr. Borden in this respect.

2. The preparation of an Historical Review of the Century of Peace, by Professor William A. Dunning, Columbia University, and President of the American Historical Association. This history, which is now in

the hands of Charles Scribner & Sons as publishers, will be reviewed in an Introduction by Lord Bryce, late British Ambassador at Washington, and will contain a foreword by a Canadian historian of high standing. It will be published in the Fall. A certain number of elaborately bound autographed volumes will be sold at an advance in price. All matters connected with this history and its publication are in the hands of the Committee on Historical Review, of which President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, is Chairman.

3. Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington, in Northamptonshire, England, has been purchased and paid for by the British Committee. Title has passed to a permanent Board of Trustees, of which the American Ambassador is Chairman ex officio. The American members of this Board are at present: Dr. Walter H. Page, Andrew Carnegie, William B. Howland, and John A. Stewart. Among the British members are the Duke of Teck, Earl Grey, Lord Cowdray, Lord Bryce, Lord Shaw, Lord Wear-dale, and Robert Donald, publisher of the London Chronicle. The Board will ultimately be increased to 20 members, ten Americans and ten from the British Empire. The Board of Trustees now holds title to the Manor property, which, when restored and rehabilitated, will have a value of about \$100,000. The Colonial Dames of America, and the Daughters of the Empire have offered contributions to the restoration and furnishing of Sulgrave Manor, which offers have been accepted with the thanks of the Board.

It is purposed to establish in connection with Sulgrave Manor the Sulgrave Manor Institution, which will be composed, in its inception, of the present members of the British, Canadian and American Committees. The work of this Institution, which it is hoped will be amply endowed, will lie in the direction of fostering friendship and preventing misunderstanding among the peoples of the world.

It is planned to endow several departments, within the purview of the Institution, which will permit of the regular publication of a review, monographs, newspaper and magazine articles, the dissemination of information, lectureships, professorships, pulpit and scholarship exchange, etc., etc., etc. The general plan is to hold formal meetings yearly, or oftener, in the United States and in Great Britain, and elsewhere.

4. The issuance by the Post Office Department of the United States of special two and five-cent memorial stamps. The Government has already given its assent to this proposal, and it is understood that designs are in process of preparation. It is probable that Great Britain and Canada will also issue special stamps.

5. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Mint have given their approval of a project to issue a special memorial coin. As the consent of Congress will be essential to carry out this plan, a bill was prepared and introduced in the House of Representatives.

6. The State of Virginia has responded nobly and significantly to the initiative of your Committee; and stands as an example to other States in the concrete interest which the Old Dominion is taking in the Celebration. Two bills were prepared, which received the approval of the Virginia Legislature, under the terms of one of which February 17th, 1915, has been

made a day of Celebration of the Century of Peace; and under another bill provision was made for accomplishing the terms of an offer to the Government of Great Britain of a replica of Houdon's famous statue of George Washington, which now reposes in the Capitol at Richmond. This offer was presented to the British Committee, represented by Mr. Asquith, through Ambassador Walter H. Page. The British Government has replied formally, "that it accepts with pleasure and gratitude the splendid gift of Virginia." This statue will probably be presented to the people of Great Britain at ceremonies held on the 22nd of February, of next year, in the City of London. Hon. Latham Fletcher, of Warrenton, Va., will be the Governor's representative at the presentation in London. It is the expectation that the statue will be placed in Westminster Abbey or Hall.

7. Through Lady Paget, born an American, and American women in London, a statue of Chatham, the friend of the American Colonists, will be presented to the Government of the United States. This statue is now in course of preparation.

8. Under the auspices of a Committee of high standing, located in Denver, Col., the Rocky Mountain States are preparing to place on a pinnacle of the Rocky Mountains, a great peace memorial. Several States have already approved of this project, and money is being subscribed to meet the expense.

9. The Celebration Committee of the State of Louisiana has established a fund from which considerable amounts will be taken this year as prizes offered to pupils of the public schools for the best essays relating to the Century of Peace.

10. Several of the great medalists of the United States are working on the design of a memorial medal which will soon be issued, and which will be placed on public sale. A copy of the medal in gold will be presented to the Government of the United States for preservation in the Library of Congress, another will be given to the British Government for preservation in the British Museum, and a number of others will be disposed of to collectors. Only twenty-five of these medals will be issued. Other medals in silver and bronze will be presented to contributors to the funds of the Committee, and a general bronze medal will be placed on public sale, the income from which will go to the Committee for its general purposes.

11. The Museums of the Peaceful Arts has been incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, with the following as incorporators:

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The incorporators are now seeking a site for the establishment of a group of museums in which it is hoped to house many of the great inventions of the ages. This project, which is devoted as a memorial to the Century of Peace, will be consummated in the hope that it will stimulate invention and serve to educate the people as to American industrial development. Only one other museum of the kind exists in the world, that in Munich, Germany.

The Celebration in the City of New York will take place during the third week in April. A Committee of Arrangements has been organized with J. Pierpont Morgan as Honorary Chairman, Vincent Astor, as Honorary Vice-Chairman, and R. Ross Appleton and Dr. George F. Kunz as among the Executive Members.

It is expected that among the exercises will be the laying of the cornerstone of the Museums of the Peaceful Arts.

12. Several dramas relating to the Century of Peace have been and are being written. A number of books have already been published in reference to the same subject, and the movement has stimulated musical composition. The Celebration will make its marked contribution to literature, art, science and music.

13. A canvass has been made of the leading colleges and universities of America, to the end that degrees may be conferred upon men, resident in the British Empire and elsewhere, who shall take a conspicuous part in the Celebration.

A similar canvass is being made in Great Britain and Canada. With one exception the colleges and universities of America have given hearty approval to this plan.

14. Among the contributions of the City of Ghent, Belgium, in which the Treaty of Peace was signed one hundred years ago, will be a memorial banquet, held in the Hotel de Ville, on the evening of the 5th of January, next year, in the same room in which the Joint High Commission, which signed the Treaty, were banqueted by the citizens in 1815.

Belgium will also take a conspicuous part in the Celebration, and a program to this end will be arranged by a joint conference which will take place sometime during the Summer.

15. Chicago is taking a leading place among the cities in planning for the Celebration. A fund of \$100,000 is being underwritten, and the Western Metropolis will be one of the great centers of the Celebration next year.

16. The City of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier are making preparations for a monumental Celebration. Buffalo has a committee of one thousand, and Niagara Falls and other towns lying along the

Niagara River, both in the United States and Canada, are equally keen in their preparations for a monumental Celebration.

17. The Governments of Great Britain and Canada have publicly declared their intention of officially recognizing the Celebration with suitable appropriations immediately the Congress of the United States shall have taken official action. To this end, in Washington, there was reported out unanimously by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, a bill introduced by Representative Henry D. Flood, Chairman of that Committee. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Elihu Root.

The newspaper press of the United States has been practically a unit in its favorable comment on the Celebration, and no general opposition to the project exists in the United States. Petitions against the project, emanating from one and the same source, have, however, been filed in Washington.

Inasmuch as it is the purpose of the American Committee to hold a Celebration in which all nations will participate, it is not believed that this opposition can be seriously considered by the public and by the Congress of the United States.

18. Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, and several other States have already officially approved of the Celebration.

19. The Panama-Pacific Commission has officially approved of the Celebration, and has tentatively set aside a week in August as a period of Celebration of the Century of Peace. It is the hope of the Committee that we shall be enabled to make this one of the conspicuous features of the Celebration.

20. Public spirited citizens of Washington State and British Columbia are far advanced in a project to erect a memorial arch over the highway extending through California, Oregon and Washington to Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

21. The Border States, through their official representatives, have indicated their purpose to participate officially in the Celebration; and, at sessions of the Legislatures beginning on January 1st, 1915, it is expected that they will take official action. They have already declared their intention of aiding in the building of suitable border monuments.

In order that a comprehensive program may be prepared, to be participated in exclusively by the Border States, a conference of the members of our Committee for those States, in association with the members of the Canadian Committee, has been called to meet at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, beginning July 21st, 1914.

22. The particular attention of the members of our Committee is respectfully called to the recent attitude of the press and people of the British Empire, as well as that of the Governments and people of other nations towards America and things American.

For the first time in the history of our respective governments practically none of the rasping and irritating criticism, which has at times been characteristic of foreign expression as to American affairs, has been

indulged in. On the contrary, the press and people of Great Britain and Canada have gone out of their way to deal kindly and generously with us in all of our relations. Coupled with this friendly comment has generally been found this statement of fact: "Next year we are to celebrate a century of peace. Peace is predicated upon understanding, goodwill and friendship. Let us in all ways show our friendship for the people of the United States."

Many influences have been at work to refound our International relations upon the basis of friendship. In respect of this the names of eminent men and powerful organizations and societies come quickly to mind, among the latter our co-workers, the Pilgrims.

The Peace Celebration, however, is our own particular field of endeavor, and it is evident from the character of editorials and the expression of public men that the work which has been done by the 15,000 members of the associated Peace Celebration Committees, located in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and other parts of the world, has been effective in fostering friendship and preventing misunderstanding.

23. The rulers of the world have given their hearty approval to the project to Celebrate the Century of Peace; and this augurs well for the participation of the nations of the world.

A few days before Christmas, 1913, a cablegram signed by Alton B. Parker, James Cardinal Gibbons, Nicholas Murray Butler, Andrew Carnegie and Bishop David H. Greer was sent to the rulers of the great nations of the world, asking for a message of approval for the work which the American Peace Century Committee had in hand. Replies of goodwill were received from His Majesty the King of Great Britain, His Majesty the German Emperor, His Excellency the President of the French Republic, His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, His Majesty Victor Emmanuel of Italy, His Majesty the King of Spain, His Majesty Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, His Majesty the King of Belgium, Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, His Majesty Gustav V. King of Sweden, His Majesty Haakon VII. King of Norway, The Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, Rt. Hon. Robert Laird Borden, Premier of Canada, His Excellency the President of the Republic of China, His Excellency the President of Chili, His Excellency the President of Brazil, His Excellency the President of Nicaragua, His Excellency the President of Panama, His Majesty the King of Montenegro.

24. The American Committee has aided in making the Anglo-American Exposition in London, May 14th-October 15th, a success. Previous expositions at Shepherd's Bush have been financially successful. No effort nor expense has been spared on the part of Earl Kintore, Irme Kiralfy, Esq., and the gentlemen of the Anglo-American Exposition in making the Exposition altogether worthy and successful as a preliminary to the Celebration.

The British Committee is committed to the proposition that from the profits of the Exposition, the sum of \$200,000 shall be evenly divided between the British Peace Centenary Committee and the American Centenary Committee. Therefore, from this source, we may reasonably count upon receiving the sum of \$100,000.

25. A Committee has been organized in Raleigh, N. C., under the initiative of one of our members, Col. Bennehan Cameron, and its membership extended to all of the counties and districts in the State, for the purpose of erecting, in connection with the Centenary Celebration, a memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh, whose adventures as a British pioneer identified him with the history of North Carolina. Money has been contributed to start this project moving, and enough assurances have been received from public spirited citizens, from the City of Raleigh, and from the State authorities to make sure the carrying out of a plan of laying the corner-stone of this memorial next year.

26. A pageant ball, in conjunction with the Celebration, has been arranged to take place on December 18th of the present year, the proceeds from which are to be made a contribution to our funds. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has kindly consented to take direction of this interesting function, which will be a preliminary to the Celebration.

27. State Committees have been generally organized, composed of conspicuous men who are planning to carry out the suggestion made at the Conference in the City of Richmond, Va., on December 3rd - 5th, 1913, by the Committee of which General Frank S. Streeter is Chairman, that the States should hold formal exercises and ceremonies on the 17th and 18th of February, 1915, the anniversary of the dates on which, in 1815, the Treaty of Ghent was ratified by the Senate and proclaimed by the President of the United States.

28. Strong representative Committees have been organized in all of the larger cities and towns of the United States. The local Committees are taking a keen interest in the Celebration, and many of them are far advanced in their plans for local celebrations.

A great official Celebration will be held in the City of Washington during the last week in April. A committee, with James Brown Scott as Chairman, has been organized and is planning a program in which there will be National interest.

Other centers of Celebration will be Detroit, the program of which will be planned in association with Windsor, Ontario; Boston and Philadelphia, where strong and representative committees have been organized; New Orleans, which was one of the first cities to take action and approval of the Celebration; Richmond, where impressive ceremonies will be held, and in numerous other cities and towns where committees, representative of best citizenship, have been organized, among them the following: Albany, Batavia, Buffalo, Ithaca, Niagara Falls, Olean, Oneida, Oneonta, Oswego, Ogdensburg, Plattsburg, Poughkeepsie, Syracuse, Utica, Gouverneur, Massena, Ausable Forks, Watertown, Lowville, Saranac Lake, Malone, Morrisville, Keeseville, Glen Falls, LaSalle, Ticonderoga, and elsewhere in New York State; Albuquerque, N. M.; Baltimore, Md.; Boise City, Idaho; Burlington, Iowa; Burlington, Vt.; Cambridge, Mass.; Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Danville, Va.; Denver, Colo.; Des Moines, Iowa; Duluth, Minn.; Fargo, N. D.; Fort Worth, Texas; Harrisburg, Pa.; Hartford, Conn.; Helena, Mont.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lansing, Mich.; Lincoln, Neb.; Louisville, Ky.; Meriden, Conn.; Middlebury, Vt.; Milwaukee, Wisc.;

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THINGS WE EXPECT TO DO.

1. To present a replica of the St. Gaudens statue of Lincoln to the people of Great Britain and Ireland, on February 12th, 1915, at an estimated expense of..... \$ 45,000
The British Government has given a site opposite Westminster Abbey and the Parliament Buildings.
 2. The presentation to the people of Canada of a memorial of Parkman, the American historian of Canada, for erection on the grounds of the Parliament Building, Ottawa, after the design of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, at a cost of not to exceed..... 35,000
 3. The erection in the City of Washington of a memorial in commemoration of the Motherhood and Womanhood of the Anglo-Saxon-Celt-Teutonic world, to be known as the Queen Victoria memorial, prepared and executed under the auspices of a Women's Committee, of which Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, of Chicago, is Chairman, at a cost of from \$50,000 to 75,000
 4. To meet half of the expense, in conjunction with the British Committee, of a memorial to be presented to the City of Ghent, at a cost of not to exceed 10,000
 5. For universal participation of schools, colleges and universities..... 25,000
 6. For universal participation of churches and synagogues..... 20,000
The Church Federation in conference with representatives of the Canadian Committee has designated Sunday, Feb. 14, 1915, as a day for universal church and Sunday School commemoration.
 7. For the Committee on Publicity, for the publication of monographs, reviews, etc. 20,000
 8. For special prizes for poems, hymns, essays, etc..... 10,000
 9. For memorials of friendship to be given by the people of the United States to the people of Germany, France and other nations, at an expense contingent upon the public response to our appeal for funds, but estimated at..... 200,000
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Carried forward..... \$440,000

10. For the endowment fund of the Sulgrave Manor Institution, to carry out in particular the general purposes indicated above, contingent upon a response from the American people to our appeal for funds, estimated at.....	500,000
11. For administrative purposes, including the expense of caring for the entertaining of distinguished guests from various parts of the world, who will be invited to participate in and to deliver addresses at various Celebrations,—National, State and local.....	100,000
12. To meet the expense of the conference in Mackinac Island.....	1,000
13. Preparation of plans, etc. for memorials, etc., etc.....	5,000
14. For expense of a campaign of publicity,	7,500

Total tentative and conditional expense....\$1,098,500

Contribution by Anglo-American Exposition, 100,000

Conditional contributions already pledged.. 15,000

\$ 983,500

Participation by the State of New York in accordance with the terms of a measure introduced in the Legislature of the State of New York, to meet the expense of the preparation of plans, etc., for State participation, 20,000

To meet the expense of preparation of plans for participation by the Government of the United States, which plans are to be reported back to Congress for its consideration, 25,000

Note.—No mention is made in this report to the proposed memorial bridge or bridges at the Niagara Frontier; of the proposed memorial arch across the New York-to-Montreal Highway at the New York-Quebec border; of the proposed water-gates on either side of the Detroit River at Detroit and Windsor; of the memorials at Sault Ste. Marie on either side of the St. Mary River; of the commemorative border monuments to be located along the frontier, one for each State and Province; of the identical monuments in the Capitals of the United States, Great Britain and Canada—all of which matters come within the purview of our Celebration—for the reason that Legislative, Parliamentary and Congressional action is required before any of these plans can be considered as concrete propositions.

Legislation is now pending in the Congress at Washington which it is hoped and believed will be favorably acted upon before adjournment. The British and Canadian Governments have officially published the statement that they would follow the lead of the United States in respect of official recognition.

Note.—Besides contributing liberally, Former Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, has offered to

do the work of casting the statues to be presented to Great Britain and Canada at no profit expense to the Committee.

The expense up to date of the Committee of Management of the movement to Celebrate, and covering a period of over five years, has been about \$50,000. All work in conjunction with the movement, except that purely clerical, has been contributed. No salaries or remuneration is being paid to any officer of the Committee. For this reason the attendant expense of the great labor involved as the movement has progressed has been very much less relatively and actually than the expense of any other celebration that has been planned and carried out in this country in many years.

Your contribution is earnestly solicited to help us make this Celebration the great event of a hundred years, not only as a celebration, but as distinctly a righteous work for the welfare of mankind.

It is the purpose of the Committee to publish the names of contributors in a special report, copies of which will be filed with the Library of Congress in Washington, with the British Museum, the Canadian Hall of Archives, and in the cornerstones of monuments, as a record for that Committee which will be organized in 2015 to celebrate the second century of peace. It is not the purpose of the Committee to publish the amount given by each contributor.

Among those who have generously contributed to the fund of the American Committee are: Jacob H. Schiff, Esq., J. P. Morgan & Co., Andrew Carnegie, Esq., The Peace Fund, Hon. William A. Clark, Daniel Guggenheim, Esq., R. Fulton Cutting, Esq., Robert Bacon, Esq., William Salomon, Esq., Hon. Alton B. Parker, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Cleveland H. Dodge, Esq., Otto H. Kahn, Esq., Hon. Levi P. Morton, Hon. William Church Osborn, George W. Perkins, Esq., Isaac N. Seligman, Esq., Col. Robert M. Thompson, Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, James B. Forgan, Esq., and William Curtis Demorest, Esq.

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